

Alerts

Warning: Emails and Telephone calls misusing the name of Adrian S. Almasan, Carmen Mirela Filimon and Solicitors Regulation Authority Limited

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An email has been sent misusing the names of Adrian Almasan, Carmen Mirela Filimon and Solicitors Regulation Authority in relation to investigating fraudulent activity in order to recover funds from investment fraud.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen an email misusing the name and falsely claiming to be from 'Adrian S Almasan' and misusing the SRA ID of a genuine solicitor (please see below). The email was sent from the address of 'adrian.almasan@solicitorinvestigation.org' and provides an address of '32 St James St'.

The SRA has also been informed that telephone calls have been made misusing the name of 'Adrian S Almasan'. The SRA has been informed that the calls were made using the telephone numbers; '+447365470598', '+447484345413', '+447469635702', '07857899897', '07880369563', '07456720007' and '07760143061'.

The SRA has also seen an email purporting to be from 'Carmen Mirela Filimon', who claims to be a solicitor at the Solicitors Regulation Authority. The email falsely states that the alleged 'Carmen Mirela Filimon' was investigating investment fraud and assisting with recovering funds. The email asks the recipient to provide bank statements and agreements that have been previously signed. The email exchange suggests that the senders of the emails and telephone calls are connected.

The email was sent using an email address of 'carmen.filimon@solicitor.ac'. The email provides a postal address of '30 Fenchurch Street EC3M 3AD'. The email misuses the name and SRA ID of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transactions through the email addresses, postal address and telephone numbers mentioned above are not undertaken by any individual or firm authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Carmen Mirela Filimon and their SRA ID is 522515.

It is believed the genuine solicitor Carmen Mirela Filimon does not have any connection to any of the details referred to in the above alert.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Adrian Sandor Almasan and their SRA ID is 828926.

The genuine Adrian Sandor Almasan has confirmed that he does not have any connection to any of the details referred to in the above alert.

The SRA does not employ any individuals by the names of Carmen Mirela Filimon and Adrian Sandor Almasan. The SRA has no connection to the emails and telephone numbers referred to in the above alert.

What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.